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MANAGER GRIFFIN WILL GIVE BLUEFIELD YOUTH CHANCE WITH CLIMBERS

Nick Altrock Decides to Go South With First Bunch of Players, Theatrical Offer Being Too Long—Jim Shaw Signs New Form of Contract With Ball Club.

By THOMAS KIRBY.

Clark Griffith today opened negotiations looking to the addition of another man to the squad that will contend for the outfield jobs with the Nationals. Ray Prince, of Bluefield, W. Va., is the player desired.

Some time ago the Washington manager received a tip as to the prowess of this player, who is considered the star in his section and has won the sobriquet of "Ty Cobb of the Pocahontas Coal Fields." Several scouts have seen the youngster in action and have recommended the player to their respective clubs, but Griffith has assurance from a friend in West Virginia that Prince will join the Nationals.

Griffith has sent word to the West Virginian to report at Charlottesville for a trial and, even though he should not land among the select, he will be placed in some organized league where he will be afforded an opportunity to develop. Prince is expected at the training camp on March 1.

Beau Broadway says: "Show is the curse of the walking classes."—P. S. This is not a joke.

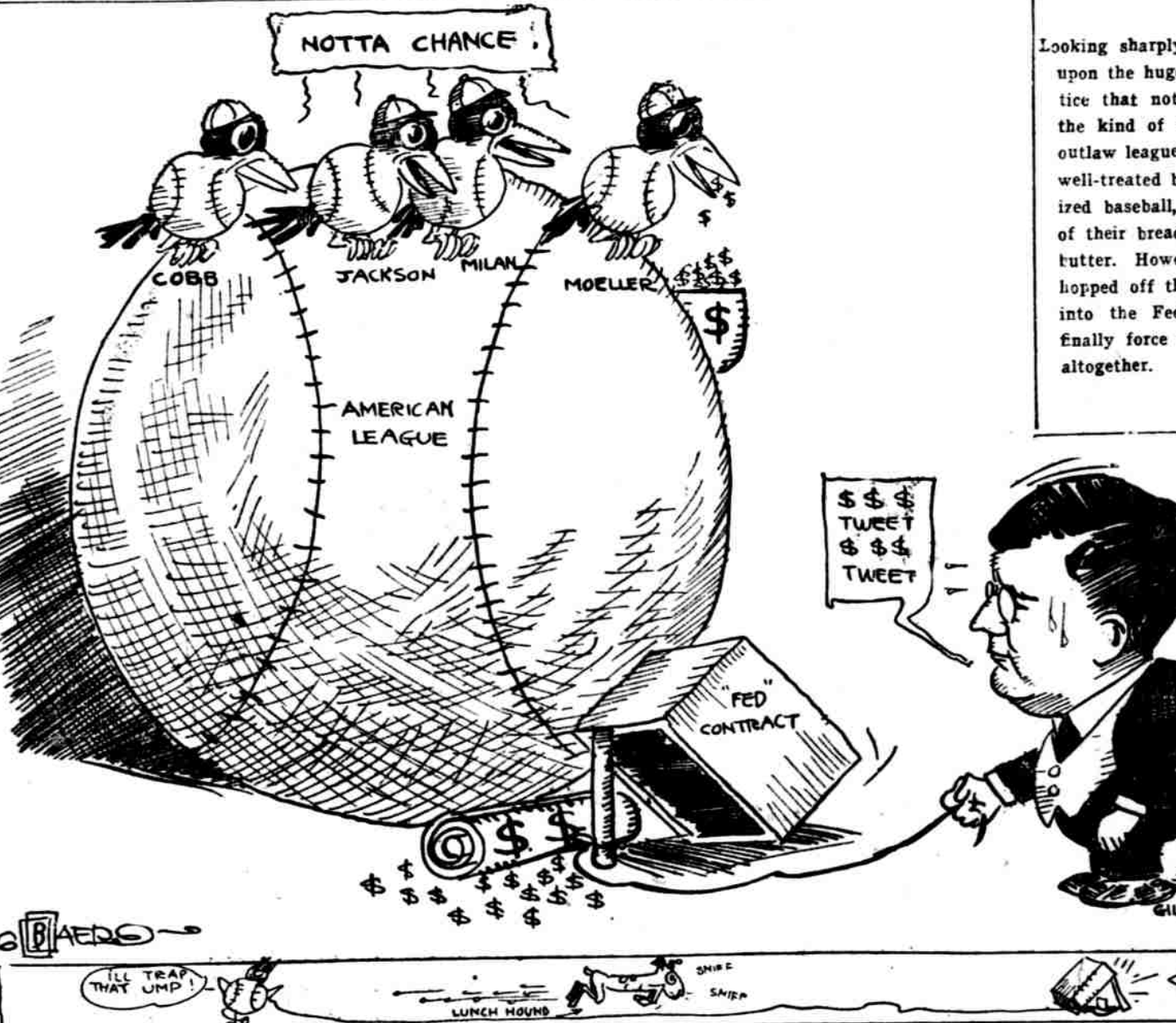
Because of the change in the form of the contracts, as a result of the recent conference at Cincinnati between representatives of the Players' Fraternity and the National Commission, the Washington management has been forced to get several players to sign new papers.

The first player to make the change was a pitcher who today wrote in bold and "James Shaw" at the bottom of the document.

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Jimmy Gilmore, Fed Boss, Sets His Trap,---But



Looking sharply at the birds perched upon the huge baseball, you will notice that not one of them fell for the kind of bait served up by the outlaw leaguers. All four have been well-treated by the powers of organized baseball, and know which side of their bread carries the rich, juicy butter. However, other players have hopped off the ball, and have fallen into the Federal trap which may finally force them out of the game altogether.

DUNN AND SELMAN WILL BOX FIFTEEN SESSIONS AT ARDMORE ON MONDAY

Middleweights Are Booked For Main Bout at Maryland A. C. For All-Star Show on Holiday—Country Kid vs. Muggsy McGraw Will Travel Ten Hot Rounds.

Tex Selman and Jimmy Dunn, middleweights, will meet in the final bout at the Maryland A. C., Ardmore, Md., next Monday night, traveling fifteen rounds to a decision. These lads are middleweights, and the fight fans of the Capital are sure to find plenty of fun in their struggling for the honors. They are the heaviest contenders to be booked by the popular boxing club in the suburbs.

Selman, who hails from Texas, has been residing in the Capital for several weeks, and has made many friends here. He has given Walter Petroskey, one of the best middleweight contenders in the country, a tough battle for twenty rounds in San Francisco. He figures he will win by the short route next week. Jimmy Dunn, a Philadelphian who has met the best middleweights in the East. However, he has yet to go fifteen rounds and may find the distance a severe strain on his endurance and vitality.

The next show at the Ardmore Club will be an all-star affair. The final bout will have Tex Selman and Jimmy Dunn, middleweights, hooked up for fifteen rounds. The semi-final will see Willie Reising, the country kid, who knocked out Ollie Barrett, of England, in Baltimore, in the fourth round of their battle at the Monumental Theater, Baltimore, last Tuesday night, matched with "Muggsy" McGraw, a tough welter. These chaps should put up a sterling contest. They are scheduled to go ten rounds, but few think they will last ten.

The all-star show will open with a battle royal, the best performers in this section being picked for this event. Twenty-eight rounds of stellar boxing are on the cards for this all-star show of the Maryland A. C., and the outlook is for one of the largest crowds of the season.

Special cars will leave New York Avenue and Fifteenth Street every half-hour, beginning at 6 o'clock, and these cars will be awaiting the fans at the conclusion of the show to bring the bugs back to the city.

BILLY ALLEN IS DOOMED TO BE FIRST ATHLETE TO DROP BACK TO THE BUSH

Little Outfielder Will Be Sent to Los Angeles For More Experience, After He Gets Trial at Charlottesville—No Third Major League for Washington.

By THOMAS KIRBY.

Billy Allen, outfielder, will be the first Washington player to be chased back to the minors after the squad reports at Charlottesville.

Last season Griffith placed Allen with the Montreal club of the International League. At the end of the year Allen was repatriated and now, under the rules of baseball, he must report at the training camp before he can be shipped to other fields. The player will be sent to Los Angeles, where he will be a teammate of the venerable Tom Hughes.

Griffith has a working agreement with the club which brings out any material worth trial in the majors it will be called to Washington to be passed upon by the critical eye of the director of the Nationals.

Washington is not in the slightest danger of being made party to a third major league, to be used to repel outlaw invasions, according to Ben Johnson.

In New York last week, the president of the American League told the writer in unqualified terms that he and his league would oppose the use of a third major league, and that there was no danger of such an organization appearing. Furthermore, the existence of another league would be a detriment to the American League, and would bring about its downfall. He said that the American League was in a position to take care of itself, and that it was not in a position to take care of another league. He said that the American League was in a position to take care of itself, and that it was not in a position to take care of another league.

Frank Farrell, president of the Yankees, has signed a hurler who has never lost a game. He is a pitcher for the Williams College team last season.

In the eleven seasons that Johnny Evers played with the Cubs, his best batting mark was .341, compiled during 1912. He never averaged less than .280. When he played only forty-four games, he always has ranked well to the front in the batting line.

Del Drake, outfielder for the Kansas City club, in the American Association, has received a good offer from the St. Louis Browns. He has refused to join the A. A. club the coming season. Drake last season hit .327 for the Blues.

Jacinto Calvo, who was with the National League club, of the Pacific Coast League during the winter, has signed his contract with the Angels.

Baseball in general, fans and players both, will give a lot more attention to Comiskey's condition than to the squabbles of the warring factions. The great heart of interest left reported out of danger.

Rube Marquard and Blossom Seeley have brought suit in the city court of New York against Louis Weisley, a theatrical manager. They say Weisley gave them a check for \$500 which was returned as no good.

Manager Joe Birmingham is sending his recruits through hard workouts at New Orleans. He thinks the team will be in good shape when the second season arrives.

Harry Cassidy, outfielder of the Denver club of the Western League, has signed a three-year contract at \$3,000 per year.

The International League season will begin April 21 and close September 27. Hag Myers, former first sacker of the Boston Braves, has signed with the Buffalo Bisons.

How the Federal League can insure popularity at a single stroke. Announce the hiring of a star pitcher, the new circuit. Bill Phelan, in the Cincinnati Times-Star.

Cleveland fans can't forget Jack Darr. Back in 1907 Jack wasn't good enough to land a berth with the Naps, but for the last three years he has been a .300 stick for the National League.

CHARLES TAFT ISN'T TALKING VERY MUCH

Won't Say What He Thinks of Murphy, But Admits He Will Attend Big Meeting.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—While refusing to say what he thinks of Charlie Murphy or his actions regarding managers of the Cubs, Charles F. Taft, said to be the real owner of the Cubs, admits that he will attend the big meeting of the National League directors Saturday at Cincinnati. It is believed that the magnates have called the meeting in order that Taft may hear all the details of the scheme to rid baseball of its dread incubus.

"I am not here in the interests of baseball," says Taft, "and have not been for some time. I expect to be in Cincinnati Saturday, but I can't say what I shall do there. You must excuse me from saying whether I am with Murphy or against him. I cannot talk about this."

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By GRANTLAND RICE.

Zero Weather—An Antidote.

When winter comes in all its glory, Bating about four-eighty-two, And life becomes the same drear story, With cars and nostrils turning blue, Do I start cursing in my attic, Or shiver with the frozen brood, Tied up in attitudes rheumatic, Not on your well-known breakfast food.

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Jockey Club Fails to Award Dates to Popular Track So Close to Washington.

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